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Title: PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement Applicant hereby selects Group I (printed circuit board).

In response to the Species Election Requirement, Applicant hereby selects Species 3 and requests that claims 1-8 be examined on the merits.

Applicant and the undersigned are somewhat puzzled by the combination Restriction/Species Election Requirement and therefore traverse the requirements. It appears that the first embodiment shown in Figs. 1-9 and 17 was not listed in the Species set forth in the Office Action. A more clear action is requested.

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Applicant provides the following comments:

Claims 1-3 correspond to Figure 7.

Claims 4-5 correspond to Figure 17 (A).

Claim 6 corresponds to Figure 17 (B).

Claim 7 corresponds to Figure 18(D) and belongs to Species 3.

Claim 8 corresponds to Figure 19 and belongs to Species 3.

Claim 9 corresponds to Figure 21 and belongs to Species 4.

Claims 10 - 12 corresponds to Figures 1-3 and belong to Group 2.

Claims 13 - 15 corresponds to Figures 9-10 and belong to Group 2.

Applicant indicates that claims 1-6 are generic.

Respectfully Submitted,

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